

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows, substituting any amended claim(s) for the corresponding pending claim(s):

Please amend Claims 1, 13, 16, 24, 27 and 30.

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1. (Amended) A method for handling an unsuccessful synchronous call attempt from a calling party to a called party, said method comprising:
3 monitoring a synchronous call attempt from said calling party to said called party;
4 determining at least one communication address related to said called party;
5 dropping said synchronous call attempt to said called party;
6 receiving a message composed by the calling party; and
7 sending said message to said determined communication address.

1 2. (Unchanged) The method of claim 1, further comprising determining that said
2 synchronous call attempt to said called party is unsuccessful.

1 3. (Unchanged) The method of claim 2, wherein said determining that said
2 synchronous call attempt to said called party is unsuccessful comprises detecting an indication from
3 the calling party that said synchronous call attempt to said called party is unsuccessful.

1 4. (Unchanged) The method of claim 3, wherein said indication comprises said calling
2 party pressing a predetermined key or keys on a communication device.

1 5. (Unchanged) The method of claim 3, wherein said indication comprises said calling
2 party using a vocal command.

1 6. (Unchanged) The method of claim 1, wherein said dropping occurs prior to said
2 determining said at least one communication address.

1 7. (Unchanged) The method of claim 1, wherein said dropping comprises
2 disconnecting.

1 8. (Unchanged) The method of claim 1, wherein said at least one communication
2 address comprises at least one of a telephone number, pager number, e-mail address, voice
3 messaging address, mobile phone number, and Internet instant messaging address.

1 9. (Unchanged) The method of claim 1, wherein said determining at least one
2 communication address comprises using said called party's telephone number in a query to at least
3 one database for communication addresses for said called party.

1 10. (Unchanged) The method of claim 1, wherein said determining at least one
2 communication address comprises using information about said called party in a query to at least one
3 database to obtain other information about said called party.

1 11. (Unchanged) The method of claim 10, wherein said other information about said
2 called party is used in a query to at least one database to obtain further information about said called
3 party.

1 12. (Unchanged) The method of claim 10, wherein said information about said called
2 party comprises name and communication addresses.

1 13. (Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said receiving a message composed
2 by a calling party comprises:

3 where said at least one communication address related to the called party comprises a
4 plurality of communication addresses, presenting said calling party with a list of messaging options
5 based on said plurality of communication addresses;

6 allowing the calling party to select a messaging option for use; and

7 commencing a message compose session related to said selected messaging option and pre-
8 filling a communication address for said message with a communication address related to said
9 messaging option.

1 14. (Unchanged) The method of claim 13, further comprising determining said called

2 party's communication addresses that are available for use.

1 15. (Unchanged) The method of claim 14, wherein said determining the called party's

2 addresses that are available for use comprises comparing the determined called party's addresses

3 with the message compose capability of a communications device of said calling party.

1 Sub 16. (Amended) A computer readable medium containing computer executable code

2 B 2 which adapts a processor for a communication system to:

3 3 monitor a synchronous call attempt from said calling party to said called party;

4 4 determine at least one communication address related to said called party;

5 5 drop said synchronous call attempt to said called party;

6 6 receive a message composed by a calling party; and

7 7 send said message to said determined communication address.

1 17. (Unchanged) The computer readable medium of claim 16, further adapting a

2 processor for a communication system to determine that said synchronous call attempt to said called

3 party is unsuccessful.

1 18. (Unchanged) The computer readable medium of claim 17, wherein said determining
2 that said synchronous call attempt to said called party is unsuccessful comprises detecting an
3 indication from the calling party that said synchronous call attempt to said called party is
4 unsuccessful.

1 19. (Unchanged) The computer readable medium of claim 18, wherein said indication
2 comprises said calling party pressing a predetermined key or keys on a communication device.

1 20. (Unchanged) The computer readable medium of claim 18, wherein said indication
2 comprises said calling party using a vocal command.

1 21. (Unchanged) The computer readable medium of claim 16, wherein said at least one
2 communication address comprises at least one of a telephone number, pager number, e-mail address,
3 voice messaging address, mobile phone number, and Internet instant messaging address.

1 22. (Unchanged) The computer readable medium of claim 16, wherein said determining
2 at least one communication address comprises using information about said called party in a query
3 to at least one database to obtain other information about said called party.

1 23. (Unchanged) The computer readable medium of claim 22, wherein said other

2 information about said called party is used in a query to at least one database to obtain further

3 information about said called party.

1 24. (Amended) The computer readable medium of claim 16, wherein said receive a

2 message composed by a calling party comprises:

3 where said at least one communication address related to the called party comprises a

4 plurality of communication addresses, presenting said calling party with a list of messaging options

5 based on said plurality of communication addresses;

6 allowing the calling party to select a messaging option for use; and

7 commencing a message compose session related to said selected messaging option and pre-

8 filling a communication address for said message with a communication address related to said

9 messaging option.

1 25. (Unchanged) The computer readable medium of claim 24, further comprising

2 determining said called party's communication addresses that are available for use.

1 26. (Unchanged) The computer readable medium of claim 25, wherein said determining
2 the called party's addresses that are available for use comprises comparing the determined called
3 party's addresses with the message compose capability of a communications device of said calling
4 party.

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3 27. (Amended) A method for handling a synchronous call attempt from a calling party
4 to a called party, said method comprising:
5 monitoring a synchronous call attempt from said calling party to said called party;
6 detecting an indication from said calling party that said calling party wishes to send a
7 message;
8 determining at least one communication address related to said called party;
9 receiving a message composed by said calling party; and
10 sending said message to said determined communication address.

1 28. (Unchanged) The method of claim 27, wherein said detecting comprises detecting
2 said calling party pressing a predetermined key or keys on a communication device.

1 29. (Unchanged) The method of claim 27, wherein said detecting comprises detecting
2 said calling party using a vocal command.

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30. (Amended) A system for handling an unsuccessful synchronous call attempt from

2 a calling party to a called party, said system comprising:

3 monitoring means for monitoring a synchronous call attempt from said calling party directed

4 to said called party;

5 detection means for determining that said synchronous call attempt from said calling party

6 to said called party is unsuccessful;

7 addressing means for determining at least one address for said called party;

8 dropping means for dropping said synchronous call attempt to said called party;

9 message means for receiving a message composed by said calling party; and

10 sending means for sending said message to said address determined by said addressing

11 means.

1 31. (Unchanged) The system of claim 30, wherein said addressing means comprises:

2 at least one database containing said called party's address information;

3 database query means for querying said database for said called party's address information;

4 and

5 data communication means for providing said called party's address information to said

6 message means.